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*Via Electronic Filing*

Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Communication in MB Docket No. 18-349 (2018  
Quadrennial Regulatory Review – Review of the Commission’s Broadcast  
Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the  
Telecommunications Act of 1996) and MB Docket No. 13-249 (Revitalization  
of the AM Radio Service)**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 15, 2019, Dan Dukes, Senior Director, Government Affairs, iHeartCommunications, Inc. (together with iHeartMedia + Entertainment, Inc., “iHeart”), met with Alex Sanjenis, Media Advisor to Chairman Ajit Pai.

Mr. Dukes discussed iHeart’s recently filed public comments in the Quadrennial Review. In particular, Mr. Dukes expressed iHeart’s support for the elimination of local AM ownership restrictions, but underscored iHeart’s opposition to the National Association of Broadcasters’ FM ownership proposal, as highlighted in the Commission’s Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. Mr. Dukes noted that the elimination of AM ownership restrictions will improve the current audience and revenue disparities between AM stations and their FM counterparts, as well as create new investment opportunities for radio owners.

Regarding the Commission’s AM Revitalization proceeding, Mr. Dukes noted iHeart’s support for the number of improvements to the AM band that have enjoyed industry consensus support as part of this proceeding. Also discussed was iHeart’s continued opposition to the various proposals to modify interference protections for AM radio stations as discussed in the Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (MB Docket No. 13-249).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sara Morris".

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